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SUBJECT: UNIDO - GROUP B MEETING

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SUMMARY: GROUP B MET NOV. 27, UK (JACKSON) IN CHAIR, TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR SECOND SESSION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE STRATEGY (AHC-II) AND PC-III, ESPECIALLY AGENDA ITEM RELATING TO UNIDO-II. LITTLE DISPOSITION INTRODUCE OIL ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. NOV. 27 GROUP B MEETING, CHAIRED BY UK PERMREP JACKSON, BEGAN WITH BRIEF EXAMINATION OF UNIDO SECRETARIAT PAPER DISTRIBUTED FOR AHC-II (CONF. ROOM PAPER NO. 18). PAPER WAS VIEWED AS SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS SECRETARIAT CONTRIBUTION, ALTHOUGH NOT FULLY RESPONSIVE TO ALL DELEGATIONS' RECOMMENDATIONS RE CONTENT. US CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT SECRETARIAT IN PROCESS CIRCULATING US DISCUSSION PAPER FOR AHC-II.

A. ON SUBSTANCE, BRITS REVERTED TO FAMILIAR THEME OF CORRELATING PRIORITIES TO GROUPS OF ACTIVITIES WITH GREATEST VALUE OF OPERATIONAL PROJECTS; THEY SUGGESTED MIGHT ALSO BE DESIRABLE OBTAIN FIGURES ON ACTUAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS. US OBSERVED MEANINGFUL ANALYSIS WOULD REQUIRE EXAMINING DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY BELOW LEVEL OF UNIDO'S GROUPS OF ACTIVITY. FRG AND US ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF UNIDO DEVELOPING CAPABILITY TO ASSIST LDCS IDENTIFY

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PRIORITY PROBLEM AREAS IN ORDER TO ASSURE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF

RESOURCES.

B. FRG INTRODUCED DISCUSSION OF PARA 21 OF CONF. ROOM PAPER NO. 18 (UNIDO'S RELATIONS WITH PRIVATE SECTOR) STATING IN FRG VIEW WHILE SOME SUCH ACTIVITY POSSIBLY USEFUL, UNIDO SHOULD NOT BY-PASS GOVERNMENTS. OTHER DELS, E.G. UK, FRANCE AND AUSTRIA, DIFFERED WITH FRG, AT LEAST IN DEGREE, INDICATING THEIR GOVTS STRONGLY SUPPORTED SUCH ACTIVITY, BUT ALSO HELD THAT GOVTS SHOULD NOT BE BY-PASSED.

C. US DREW ATTENTION TO PARAS 63 AND 64, IBID, SUGGESTING ALLEGED FAILURE UTILIZE UNIDO INPUT INTO COUNTRY-PROGRAMMING SHOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH UNDP REP AT AHC-II. GROUP CONCURRED, UK AND FRG VOLUNTERRING THEY HAD ALSO RECOMMENDED THEIR PEOPLE MEET WITH UNDP (DELL) BEFORE HIS TRIP TO VIENNA.

2. TURNING TO PREPARATIONS FOR UNIDO-II, FRG REPORTED ON LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH JAIPAL RE INTERSESSIONAL MACHINERY (ISM) (VIENNA 9588). UK (JACKSON) VOLUNTEERED THAT IN MORE RECENT CONVERSATION JAIPAL HAD SAID ISM SHOULD FOR PRESENT CONCENTRATE ON WHAT REALISTICALLY RELEVANT TO UNIDO ACTIVITIES AND IT NOT YET NECESSARY DISCUSS DRAFT RESOLUTIONS; ACCORDING UK, JAIPAL ARGUED ADVANTAGE OF FORMAL ISM IS THAT GROUP OF 77 REPS THEREON COULD HOLD BALANCE OF 77 TO DRAFT AGREEMENTS THEY HAD NEGOTIATED. US WONDERED HOW UNIDO ACTIVITIES (ESSENTIALLY PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM 7) COULD BE MEANINGFULLY EXAMINED WITHOUT BENEFIT OF BROADER REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF DD-II PERFORMANCE IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; MOREOVER, AHC PRESENTLY EXAMINING UNIDO'S ACTIVITIES AND ITS REPORT TOGETHER WITH IDB-VIII CONSIDERATION THEREOF SHOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PREPARATORY BASIS FOR TIME BEING FOR DISCUSSION OF UNIDO-II PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM 7. IN ABSENCE OF TASKS AGREED UPON AS USEFUL LITTLE POINT AND SOME DIFFICULTIES IN ESTABLISHING FROMAL ISM NOW.

A. FRG REP INDICATED, ON INSTRUCTIONS, HIS GOVT UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT FORMAL ISM AND WOULD PREFER IT BE ESTABLISHED AT SPRING 1974 MEETINGS RATHER THAN AT PC-III, BUT WOULD NOT STRENUOUSLY OPPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF MACHINERY AT PC-III. JAPAN, CLEARLY IN FAVOR OF DEFERRAL OF ESTABLISHMENT ANY ISM, SUGGESTED PC NOT EMPOWERED UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURE ESTABLISH FORMAL ISM. US AND FRG AGREED (ALTHOUGH IN OR VIEW IT COULD BE MOOTED PC SITTING AS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORITY ESTABLISH INTERSESSIONAL SUBORDINATE BODY). AUSTRIA AND UK APPEAR SUPPORTIVE OF JAIPAL, FRANCE OPPOSED FORMAL ISM, NOTING BLACK AFRICANS, LARGELY UNREPRESENTED AT VIENNA, REPORTEDLY ALSO RELUCTANT RE ESTABLISHMENT AT PC-III OF ISM.

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B. "THINKING OUT LOUD" FRG REP SUGGESTED SOLUTION MIGHT LIE IN PC-III AGREEING RECOMMEND TO IDB-VIII FORMATION OF ISM, CALLING FOR CONTINUING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN INTERIM. WE AGREED THIS WORTH EXPLORING.

3. RE UNIDO-II DOCUMENTATION, GROUP GENERALLY IN AGREEMENT SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO MINIMIZE PREPARATION OF BACKGROUND PAPERS WHERE TOPICS REDUNDANT OF OTHER AGENCY WORK, I.E., ILO, FAO,

UNEP, AND UNCTAD PLUS ECOSOC STUDY ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SUBJECTS SHOULD BE NARROWED, ESPECIALLY TOPICS (III) AND (V) OF SECRETARIATS' PAPER ON DOCUMENTATION (ID/B/C.3/11). APPARENT SUPPORT FOR US VIEW THAT PAPERS SHOULD BE PROBLEM-ORIENTED, IDENTIFYING OBSTACLES AND INDICATING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS. US ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO PUT FORWARD VIEW CONCERNING BASIC FOCUS OF UNIDO-II ALONG LINES PARA 1A REFTEL.

4. FRG (UNGERER), NOTING HE STILL WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON HANDLING OF ENERGY CRISIS IN UNIDO-II DOCUMENTATION (VIENNA 9485 AND STATE 228849), MODIFIED HIS EARLIER PERSONAL PROPOSAL, SUGGESTING THAT SECRETARIAT UNDER SUBJECT AREA (VI) ALSO "ANALYZE THE REPERCUSSIONS OF REDUCTIONS IN PRODUCTION AND INCREASES IN PRICES OF ENERGY SOURCES ON INDUSTRIALIZATION OF LDC'S." NETHERLANDS, UK, US, JAPAN, DENMARK AND ITALY INDICATED IT PREFERABLE THIS ISSUE NOT BE INTRODUCED AT PC-III, AND INMMMAAPPROPRIATE FORUM. NOWEVER, JAPAN INDICATED IT MIGHT NOTE THAT CONSEQUENCES OF PETROLEUM PRICE RISE WOULD REDUCE ITS CAPACITY FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

5. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED GROUP BE MEETING WITH ABDEL-RAHMAN HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS UNIDO-II PREPARATIONS. GROUP AGREED USE MEETING PRESS FOR NARROWING OF THEMES, MINIMIZATION OF REDUNDANT DOCUMENTAION, PROPER TREATMENT OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, DELEGATION ACCESS TO SECRETARIAT BACKGROUND PAPERS AND AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFERENCE, AT LEAST IN DRAFT, AT PC-IV/IDB-VIII.

6. US REPORTED THAT SECRETARIAT PREPARING CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER ON INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION CLEARING-HOUSE ACTIVITY FOR CONSIDERATION AT PC-III (PRESKMABLY UNDER PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM 7) IF COMMITTEE MEMBERS DESIRE. GROUP CONSENSUS WAS TO DISCOURAGE CONSIDERATION AT PC-III, ALTHOUGH PAPER SHOULD BE EXAMINED AT AHC-II IN CONNECTION WITH RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS OF GROUP OF EXPERTS.

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7. NEXT SCHEDULED GROUP B MEETING (OTHER THAN MEETING WITH A-R) SET FOR 9 A.M., TUESDAY, DEC. 4. STIBRAVY

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